

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

<b>In the Application of:</b>	)	
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<b>Lawton <i>et al.</i></b>	)	
	)	<b>Art Unit: 1645</b>
<b>Serial No.: 10/054,647</b>	)	
	)	<b>Examiner: Ford, V.</b>
<b>Filed: January 22, 2002</b>	)	
	)	<b>Conf. No. 9151</b>
<b>For: Compositions and Methods for Detection</b>	)	
<b>of <i>Ehrlichia canis</i> and <i>Ehrlichia</i></b>	)	<b>Atty. Dkt No.: 00-1278-C</b>
<b><i>chaffeensis</i> Antibodies</b>	)	

**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING**

Mail Stop: Appeal Brief-Patents  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:


Appellants respectfully request an oral hearing in the above-mentioned appeal. A check for one thousand dollars (\$1,000) is enclosed. It is believed that no other fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if an additional fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Related appeals have been filed in U.S. Application 10/054,354, filed January 22, 2002 and U.S. Application 09/765,739, filed January 18, 2001. Appellants respectfully

request that the oral hearings for these three applications be consolidated into one hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 3/28/05

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